



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

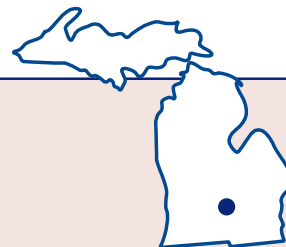
## *Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority, MI*

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority (BRA) was selected to receive an assessment grant. The BRA will target brownfields contaminated by hazardous substances and petroleum in areas of disinvestment within low-income downtown neighborhoods. Approximately 53 of Lansing's 210 underground storage tank sites are found in these targeted neighborhoods. The city's per capita income is 20 percent below state levels and the percentage of people living in poverty is slightly higher than the statewide average. However, the brownfields target areas have large minority populations and poverty rates that are more than double that of the state. The brownfields assessments will initiate a program of redevelopment incentives backed by the state to spur economic activity in Lansing. The BRA will continue



### **Assessment Grant**

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

*\$200,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority (BRA) for a brownfields assessment grant. The BRA will use grant funds to prioritize sites and conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments on hazardous substances and petroleum-contaminated properties identified in the inventory performed under a previous brownfields grant. Grant funds also will be used to reach out to neighborhoods and potential developers, and to draft redevelopment plans.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority has not received brownfields grant funding. The City of Lansing has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

to involve the public and the Greater Lansing Neighborhood Council, which represents most of Lansing's 70 neighborhood-based groups, in the redevelopment process.